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Office Application of

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Examiner: Ford

For: IMPROVEMENTS IN OR
RELATING TO DIAGNOSIS
AND TREATMENT OF
BACTERIAL INFECTIONS

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RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 9, 2001, the applicants elect for prosecution herein the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 8-15. However, the Examiner is requested to reconsider the restriction requirement at least to the extent of including the Group III claims, i.e. claims 16 and 17, with the Group II claims. All of these claims share a common general inventive concept and should be considered together.

Favorable reconsideration to the extent indicated, with a favorable action on the merits, is requested.

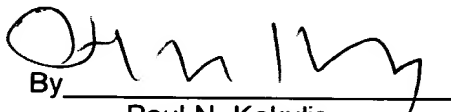
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